# CODES ADOPTION PUBLIC HEARING & FIRST READING 2012 INTERNATIONAL CODES 2011 NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE



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#### Background

- The International Codes and National Electrical Code are "model" codes
- Codes establish nationally recognized minimum standards for building construction and operation
- Codes are Coordinated and Compatible With Each Other
- Building materials and construction technologies continue to evolve – hence the need to update codes on a regular basis



- Codes Currently In Use
  - 2008 National Electrical Code
  - 2009 International Codes as follows:
    - Residential Code
    - Plumbing Code
    - Mechanical Code
    - Existing Building Code

- Building Code
- Fuel Gas Code
- Energy Conservation Code
- Property Maintenance Code



- Codes to be Adopted
  - 2011 National Electrical Code
  - 2012 International Codes as follows:
    - Residential Code
    - Plumbing Code
    - Mechanical Code
    - Existing Building Code

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- Fuel Gas Code
- Energy Conservation Code
- Property Maintenance Code



Adoption Timeline

June 28: Public Hearing/First Reading

July 12: Final Reading

**October 1:** Effective Date



- Adoption Details International Codes
  - Codes Include Appendices Not All of Which are Relevant to All Jurisdictions
  - Staff's Recommends Adopting Only the Appendices that Make Sense For Cedar Park



- Adoption Details International Codes
  - International Building Code
    - Appendix C Agricultural Buildings
    - Appendix F Rodent Proofing
    - Appendix I Patio Covers



- Adoption Details International Codes
  - International Residential Code
    - Appendix A Gas Pipe Sizing
    - Appendix B Vent Sizing
    - Appendix C Direct Vents
    - Appendix G Swimming Pools & Spas
    - Appendix H Patio Covers
    - Appendix P Water Pipe Sizing



- Adoption Details International Codes
  - International Plumbing Code
    - Appendix C Vacuum Drainage Systems
    - Appendix E Water Pipe Sizing
    - Appendix F Structural Safety



- Adoption Details International Codes
  - International Fuel Gas Code
    - Appendix A Gas Pipe Sizing
    - Appendix B Vent Sizing
    - Appendix C Vent Terminations



- Adoption Details International Codes
  - International Mechanical Code
    - Appendix A Chimney Connector Pass-Throughs

- International Property Maintenance Code
  - Appendix A Board-up Standards



- Adoption Details International Codes
  - International Existing Building Code
  - International Energy Efficiency Code
    - No Appendices



- Adoption Details National Electrical Code
  - One Amendment
    - The provisions of article 250 and table 310.106A notwithstanding, no aluminum wire smaller than #6 AWG shall be used for any electrical wiring.



#### Conclusion

Staff recommends that the 2012 International Codes – including specified appendices and the 2011 National Electrical Code with amendment, be adopted as presented.



## Questions

# CODES ADOPTION PUBLIC HEARING & FIRST READING 2012 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE



Randle Blesing, Fire Marshal



- Fire Code is Adopted by Chapter 5 of Cedar Park Code of Ordinances
- Code Currently In Use
  - 2006 International Fire Code
- Code Proposed for Adoption
  - 2012 International Fire Code
- Adoption/Implementation Timeline same as Building Codes



- Adoption Details Appendices
  - Appendix B Fire Flow Requirements
  - Appendix C Fire Hydrant Location/Distribution
  - Appendix D Fire Access Roads
  - Appendix E Hazard Categories
  - Appendix F Hazard Ranking
  - Appendix G Cryogenic Fluids
  - Appendix H Hazardous Material Management
  - Appendix I Non-compliant conditions



- Adoption Details Amendments
  - Total number of amendments reduced



#### Fire Code Amendments

#### -Amendments Removed

Sec. 110.4 Abatement

Sec. 202 Definitions

Fire Code Official

Self Service Storage Facility

Standby Personnel

Sec. 308.3 Open Flame

Sec. 508.5
Fire Hydrant Systems

Sec. 603.1 Labeling [of doors]

Sec. 603.6 Chimneys & Appliances

Sec. 605.5 Extension Cords



#### Fire Code Amendments

#### -Amendments Removed Continued

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    Sec. 605.5.1 Power Supply
    Sec. 605.5.4 Grounding
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Sec. 703.1.3 Penetrations

Sec. 903.2.7 Group R

Sec. 903.7.1 Townhouse [sprinklers]

Sec. 903.2.7.2 Condominiums [sprinklers]

Sec. 903.3.5 Water Supplies

Sec. 903.3.7 Fire Department Connections

Sec. 907.2.1.1 [Alarm] System Initiation

Sec. 907.2.3 Group E Fire Alarm System

Sec. 907.2.4 Group F Manual Fire Alarm System



#### Fire Code Amendments

#### -Amendments Removed Continued

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Sec. 907.2.12 High Rise Buildings
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Sec. 907.3.1.8 Group R-4 [Smoke Alarms]

Sec. 907.6 Wiring

Sec. 907.9.2 High-Rise Buildings [alarm devices]

Sec. 913.4 Valve Supervision

Sec. 1020.1.7 Smoke-proof Enclosures

Sec. 2204 Canopy Suppression

Sec. 2205 Additional Fire Suppression

Sec. 3804.2 Liquefied Petroleum Gas



#### Fire Code Amendments

#### -Amendments Modified

Sec. 510.1 Sprinkler Riser Room	510.1	Sprinkler	Riser	Room
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Sec. 605.1.1 Electrical shut off

Sec. 703.1.4 Tenant Separation

Sec. 903.2 Fire Sprinklers

Sec. 907.1 Alarm Systems

Appendix D Dead Ends

Facilitates maintenance & emergency response

Addresses safety/Provides owner flexibility

**Provides owner flexibility** 

**Consolidates 9 subsections to single subsection** 

Facilitates location of fire in buildings with 25 or

more alarm devices

Clarifies width & turnaround standards for dead-

end fire lanes



#### **■Fire Code Amendments**

#### New Amendments

- Sec. 503.32.3: Completed Fire apparatus access roads shall be constructed of asphalt or concrete....
- Sec. 505.1.1: In buildings containing more than one occupancy, suite numbers identifying each occupant shall be place on each exterior door (minimum 3inch numbers). Each number shall have a minimum stroke width of ¼". Numbers shall contrast with the background and be of a material as approved by the fire code official.
- Sec. 609.2: If the cooking appliance meets the requirements of NFPA 96, then a
   Type 1 hood is not required.



#### Conclusion

Staff recommends that the 2012 International Fire Code – including specified appendices and amendment package be adopted as presented.



## Questions